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SUBJECT: MTN TROPICAL PRODUCTS

REF: (A) STATE 110208, (B) MTN GENEVA 3600, (C) STATE 141388,  
(D) MTN GENEVA 4679.

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' OFFICIALS IN  
BUENOS AIRES APPEAR FULLY CONVERSANT WITH,  
AT LEAST THIS PHASE OF MTN NEGOTIATIONS AND  
APPEAR TO BE ACTIVELY AND CLOSELY SUPERVISING  
WORK OF AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ IN THIS REGARD.  
WE JUDGE THAT THEY ARE APPROACHING THIS  
NEGOTIATION ON A RELATIVELY PRAGMATIC BASIS  
YET WITH AN EYE TO THEIR PRO-FORMA OBLIGATIONS  
TO THE CONCEPT OF LDC SOLIDARITY.

2. EMBOFFS HAVE MET WITH MINISTRY OFFICIALS  
ON THIS SUBJECT AND FIND THAT THE ARGENTINE  
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POSITION COMMUNICATED TO THE U.S. DELEGATION

IN GENEVA BY AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ AND HIS COLLEAGUES IS AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE CAPITAL OFFICIALS' VIEW POINT. THESE OFFICIALS ARE RELUCTANT TO MAKE CONCESSIONS IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS CONTEXT AT THIS TIME. THEY WOULD PREFER TO HOLD ON TO THEIR CARDS UNTIL THEY CAN BE ASSURED OF SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE WERE TOLD NEVERTHELESS THAT IT WAS NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION SOMEWHAT FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE SUCH CONCESSIONS IN THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS CONTEXT. THEIR DECISION TO DO SO WOULD BE BASED ON A NUMBER OF PRAGMATIC FACTORS AMONGEST THEM THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE USG UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS ON US HEALTH MEASURES PER MTN GENEVA 3600. ARGENTINES UNDERSTAND THAT U.S. DOES NOT WISH TO LINK TP ISSUE AND THE HEALTH MEASURE CONSULTATIONS DIRECTLY, BUT GAVE EMBASSY TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR WILLINGNESS TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO TP NEGOTIATION WOULD BE FAVORABLY AFFECTED BY PROGRESS IN HEALTH MEASURE AREA.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO QUESTION POSED IN PARAGRAPH 8C OF MTN GENEVA 4679, RATIO BROUGHT UP BY ARGENTINE DELEGATION PROBABLY RESULT OF INFORMAL CONVERSATION SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WITH MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIAL AT FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN WHICH EMBOFF MENTIONED RATIO ILLUSTRATIVELY DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON U.S. WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER LESS THAN MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS BY LDC'S DURING THIS NEGOTIATION. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE NOW SET THIS MATTER STRAIGHT WITH MINISTRY OFFICIALS.  
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